

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
GONZALO VILLASENOR, *et al.*,  
  
Defendants.

CASE NO. CR20-0137-JCC  
  
ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Defendant Francisco Javier Carrillo's unopposed motion to continue trial (Dkt. No. 200). In response, the Government and Mr. Villaseñor, Ms. Leyva-Castellanos, Mr. Pollestad, Mr. Supnet, and Ms. McGee agree with motion and propose a new trial date of December 6, 2021.<sup>1</sup> (Dkt. No. 205 at 2.) The current trial date is July 12, 2021. (*See* Dkt. No. 134). Having thoroughly considered the motion and the relevant record, the Court hereby GRANTS the motion for the reasons explained herein.

This case is related to two others, *United States v. Rodriguez-Moreno*, CR20-0136-JCC, and *United States v. Lerma-Jaras*, CR20-0146-JCC, which collectively involve more than 20 defendants and, the Government alleges, multiple conspiracies to distribute controlled substances. (*See* Dkt. No. 134.) The Government's investigation involved hundreds of hours of

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Carrillo's motion does not request a specific date. (*See* Dkt. No. 200.) Mr. Shephard did not join or oppose the motion. Even so, the findings in this order apply equally to him.

1 surveillance, wiretaps of multiple cell phones, more than a dozen controlled buys, at least ten  
2 multi-kilo seizures of controlled substances, and searches of several vehicles, residences, and  
3 businesses. (*Id.*) The Government has already produced over 10,000 pages of discovery, much of  
4 which is in Spanish, which requires defense counsel to work with interpreters. (*Id.* at 3.) Mr.  
5 Carrillo reports that the interpreter assisting defense counsel in translating the recorded calls  
6 needs additional time to finish translating the calls. (Dkt. No. 200 at 2.) Further, Mr. Carrillo  
7 reports that due to the large volume of discovery his attorney needs additional time to prepare  
8 pretrial motions and for trial. (*Id.*)

9 Having thoroughly considered the briefing and the relevant record, the Court FINDS that  
10 the ends of justice served by granting a continuance outweigh the best interests of Defendants  
11 and the public to a speedy trial. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). The reason for this finding is that  
12 because of the number of defendants involved, the Government's allegation of multiple  
13 conspiracies, the volume of evidence, and the need for translation, this case is so complex that it  
14 is unreasonable to expect adequate preparation for pretrial motions and trial within the current  
15 deadlines. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(ii).

16 Accordingly, the Court ORDERS:

- 17 1. The July 12, 2021 jury trial is CONTINUED until December 6, 2021.
- 18 2. The pretrial motions deadline is CONTINUED until October 14, 2021.
- 19 3. The period from the date of this order until December 6, 2021 is an excludable time  
20 period under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

21 DATED this 24th day of May 2021.

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25 John C. Coughenour  
26 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE